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SUBJECT: (LOU) FURTHER DATA ON NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR THE
DEFENSE OF THE REVOLUTION

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1. (C) SUMMARY: FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR THE DEFENSE OF THE REVOLUTION SUGGESTS THIS NEW BODY WILL BE RESPONSIBLE FOR BUILDING ENTHUSIASM FOR THE REGIME AMONG THE MASSES. THE ORGANIZATION WILL THEORETICALLY BE SEPARATE FROM STATE AND PARTY HIERARCHIES, BUT WE ANTICIPATE THERE WILL BE CONSIDERABLE OVERLAP AMONG THESE VARIOUS BODIES. THE NEW ORGANIZATION DOES NOT APPEAR TO CONSTITUTE ANY FORM OF "UNITED FRONT." END OF SUMMARY

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2. (CLOU) AN ARTICLE IN THE LATEST EDITION OF "YKALQ" NEWSPAPER, THE WEEKLY ORGAN OF THE PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC PARTY OF AFGHANISTAN (PDPA), PROVIDES FURTHER INFORMATION ON THE RECENTLY ESTABLISHED "NATIONAL ORGANIZATION FOR THE DEFENSE OF THE REVOLUTION" (REFTEL). ACCORDING TO THE REPORT, THE ORGANIZATION WAS FOUNDED IN ORDER, INTER ALIA, TO COMBAT INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL "REACTION," TO ESTABLISH A SOCIETY FREE OF EXPLOITATION OF MAN BY MAN, AND TO CREATE UNITY AMONG THE COUNTRY'S PROGRESSIVE FORCES. IN ADDITION, THE ORGANIZATION WILL OSTENSIBLY "UNIFY" THE EFFORTS OF ORGANIZATIONS, SUCH AS: THE PDPA; THE WORKERS' AND PEASANTS' UNIONS; LOCAL COMMITTEES FOR THE DEFENSE OF THE REVOLUTION; THE PARTY'S YOUTH AND WOMEN'S ORGANIZATIONS; AND, THE JOURNALISTS' AND EXPORT-IMPORT UNIONS.

3. (CLOU) AN ORGANIZATIONAL CONGRESS (INFORMATION REGARDING THE SIZE AND PROPOSED DATE FOR THE FIRST MEETING OF THIS BODY IS NOT MENTIONED) WILL ELECT A CENTRAL COUNCIL OF ABOUT 35-45 MEMBERS. FROM AMONG THESE REPRESENTATIVES, 9-11 PERSONS WILL BE ELECTED TO AN EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE, WHOSE CHAIRMAN WILL BE CHOSEN UPON THE RECOMMENDATION OF THE PDPA. THE OVERALL ORGANIZATION WILL HAVE UNITS ESTABLISHED ON THE PROVINCIAL, CITY, DISTRICT, AND SUB-DISTRICT LEVELS THROUGHOUT THE COUNTRY, AND THEY WILL BE INDEPENDENT OF, BUT WILL WORK CLOSELY WITH, THEIR RESPECTIVE STATE AND PARTY COUNTERPARTS.

4. CLOUD A "WORKING GROUP" HAS BEEN SET UP TO PREPARE PROPOSALS FOR THE FIRST CONGRESS AND ITS MEMBERSHIP, AND TO SUBMIT THESE TO THE PDPA POLITBURO WITHIN 20 DAYS (WHEN THE CLOCK STARTED RUNNING IS NOT REVEALED). THIS GROUP IS HEADED BY ABDUL HAKIM SHARAEI JAUZJANI (MINISTER OF JUSTICE AND ATTORNEY GENERAL), AND HAS THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS: MOHAMMAD SEDIQ ALEMYAR (MINISTER OF PLANNING), KHEYAL MOHAMMAD KATAKAZI (MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND CULTURE), ASSADULLAH AMIN (SECOND DEPUTY MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS FOR POLITICAL AFFAIRS), AND SALEH MOHAMMAD PAIROZ (DEPUTY MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS).

5. (C) COMMENT: ALTHOUGH THE ORGANIZATION'S SPECIFIC RESPONSIBILITIES REMAIN VERY VAGUE, IT APPARENTLY WILL BE CHARGED WITH DRUMMING UP SUPPORT AMONG THE PEOPLE FOR THE REGIME'S OVERALL PROGRAMS, ESPECIALLY THE FIGHT AGAINST INSURGENTS. THE BODY APPARENTLY, HOWEVER, IS NOT CHARGED WITH DIRECTLY PROSECUTING THE REGIME'S ANTI-INSURGENCY EFFORTS, AS THIS RESPONSIBILITY SEEMS TO REMAIN WITH THE HIGH COUNCIL FOR THE DEFENSE OF THE HOMELAND. WE ANTICIPATE THAT THERE WILL BE A GREAT DEAL OF OVERLAP AMONG THE HIERARCHIES OF THE STATE, PARTY, AND "DEFENSE OF THE REVOLUTION" ORGANIZATIONS, BUT THE REGIME APPARENTLY FELT COMPELLED TO SET UP YET ANOTHER BODY WITH THE SPECIFIC JOB OF BREATHING SOME LIFE INTO WHAT MAY HAVE BEEN JUDGED AS FLAGGING MORALE AMONG THE REGIME'S SUPPORTERS, ESPECIALLY OUTSIDE THE CAPITAL.

6. (C) WHILE THIS PARTICULAR REPORT DOES CALL FOR THE "UNITY" OF THOSE FORCES SUPPORTING THE REGIME, IN OUR VIEW THIS DOES NOT CONSTITUTE A CALL FOR ANY "UNITED FRONT" WHICH PRESUMABLY WOULD ENCOMPASS ELEMENTS NOT CONSIDERED "NATURAL" SUPPORTS OF THE DRA.

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